Prime Minister's visit to China

287. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's visit to China has been fixed; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Although Prime Minister has been invited to visit China, no dates have as yet been fixed. As members will appreciate, considerable preparatory work will require to be done before such high level visits are undertaken.

National Desert Park in Barmer

288. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national desert park has been set up in Barmer district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the tate Government of Rajasthan, an area of 3162 sq. kms. in the Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts has been decalared as a Sanctuary in August 1980 and the intention to declare it as a National Park was notified in May, 1981. However, the final notification is yet to be issued. Since a sizeable area of the proposed national park is likely to come under the command area of Rajasthan Canal Project, only the core area of about 10 per cent of the total Sanctuary area is likely to be finally notified as a National Park. The remaining area will continue to be a sanctuary. The main objectives of creating a Desert National Park in the area is the conservation of the desert fauna and flora and the resoration and preservation of the arid land Ecosystem, including the prevention of its further deterioration.

Setting up of Puppet Government in Namibia

289. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the racist South African regime has installed an interim Government in Namibia;

(b) whether the Government of India propose to raise the issue in international forums; and

(c) what other remedial steps Governments propose to take in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) it is a fact that despite universal condemnation, including by all members of the UN Security Council, the racist South African regime has gone ahead and installed on "interim government" in Namibia on 17th June, 1985. India, along with five other non-aligned countries, tabled a resolution in the UN Security Council declaring the action illegal and null and void, and stating that no recognition would be accorded to the "interim government" either by the United Nations or any member-State. This resolution was adopted by the Security Council on 19th June, 1985.

India will continue to raise this issue in international forums whenever opportune.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plants in Bihar

290. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar urged the Central Government to set up two atomic power plants in Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so the decision taken in this regard;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when a decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The Government of Bihar recommended a number of sites for setting up of atomic power plants in the State.

(b) to (d) The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy evaluated the sites recommended and its report in respect of the eastern electricity region, of which Bihar also forms a part, is under consideration.

Tension in Nagaland-Assam Border Areas

291. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the out break of fighting between Assam police and Nagaland police at Merapani;

(b) what is the number of deaths from each side as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that still there is tension in the area between the two sides;

(d) whether the Nagaland students served quit notice on the Assamese living near the boundary; and

(e) what remedial measures the Central Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) A boundary dispute based on territorial claims by Nagaland has been in existence between the States of Nagaland and Assam.

(b) According to the State Governments concerned, 28 police personnel and 13 civilians of Assam and 6 police personnel of Nagaland were killed in these clashes.

(c) As a result of the steps taken, the situation is fast returning to normal in Merapani area.

(d) The quit notices served by the Nagaland students have since been withdrawn. The two Chief Ministers in a joint statements have made a fervent appeal to all sections of the people of Assam and Nagaland particularly the people residing in the border areas to fully cooperate to help normalise the situation.

(e) Border Security Force has been inducted into the area and have effected complete disengagement of the two State police forces. Consultations are going on with the two State Government on the steps to be taken to settle the dispute on permanent basis.